



November 20, 2015  
Project No. 8128.01.20

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Re: Revised Groundwater Performance Monitoring Program to Incorporate Monitoring Wells WS-21-112 and WS-26-86—Siltronic Corporation, 7200 NW Front Avenue, Portland, OR—ECSI No. 183

Dear Mr. Bayuk:

Maul Foster & Alongi, Inc. (MFA) has prepared this memorandum in response to recent communications (summarized below) regarding the groundwater monitoring program at the Siltronic Corporation (Siltronic) facility. The monitoring is being conducted in accordance with the requirements of the *Order Requiring Remedial Investigation and Source Control Measures*, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) No. VC-NWR-03-16, entered into with Siltronic on February 9, 2004.

## SUMMARY OF COMMUNICATIONS

DEQ's e-mail to Northwest Natural (NW Natural) on September 17, 2015 (with the subject "RE: Gasco: Groundwater Quality Monitoring Data Report and Aqua Gard Memo") directed NW Natural to collect samples from monitoring wells WS-21-112 and WS-26-86 as a "component of long-term groundwater monitoring program for cVOCs, MGP constituents, and EIB performance at the Siltronic Site." NW Natural collected groundwater samples from the two wells in September.

On October 1, DEQ provided an e-mail to MFA with the subject "Siltronic EIB Groundwater Performance Monitoring Program." In the e-mail, DEQ required Siltronic to collect and analyze groundwater samples from monitoring wells WS-21-112 and WS-26-86 consistent with the Siltronic EIB performance monitoring program. On October 7, MFA provided a response to DEQ's October 1 e-mail, and outlined Siltronic's understanding of the groundwater monitoring program associated with the above-referenced wells. On October 20, DEQ provided an e-mail response to the October 7 e-mail and October 6 phone call, and suggested further discussion. In response, MFA is providing DEQ with this memorandum describing the incorporation of monitoring wells WS-21-112 and WS-26-86 into the performance monitoring program.

Since monitoring wells WS-21-112 and WS-26-86 are associated with groundwater monitoring requested by DEQ for the Siltronic site, Siltronic will assume the responsibility of sampling the two wells. The attached figure shows the location of the two monitoring wells.

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## GROUNDWATER SAMPLE COLLECTION PROCEDURES

Groundwater samples will be collected from monitoring wells WS-21-112 and WS-26-86, located on the Siltronic property. At the time of this letter, the two above-referenced wells are being used as control wells associated with NW Natural's hydraulic control and containment (HC&C) system. MFA will coordinate with NW Natural's contractors to remove equipment (i.e., transducers) from the wells to provide access for sample collection. It will be NW Natural's responsibility to monitor the HC&C system during sampling, since the transducer will have been removed to allow collection of the groundwater sample.

Instead of a dedicated bladder pump installed in the above-referenced wells, an inertia pump will be used to collect groundwater. No sampling equipment will be permanently installed in the wells, as that would interfere with NW Natural's use of them as control wells. Consistent with the current groundwater collection procedures, industry standard low-flow (minimal drawdown) methodology will be used during sample collection. Depth-to-water readings will be measured with a water-level indicator, and stabilized parameter measurements, including temperature, specific conductivity, dissolved oxygen, pH, oxidation reduction potential, and turbidity, will be recorded.

Groundwater samples will be analyzed for the following:

- Volatile organic compounds by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Method 8260B
- Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (plus carbazole, dibenzofuran, 1-methylnaphthalene, and 2-methylnaphthalene) by USEPA Method 8270 selective ion monitoring
- Dissolved iron and manganese by USEPA Method 6020
- Total metals plus arsenic by USEPA Method 6000 Series
- Total mercury by USEPA 7470
- Permanent gases (acetylene, carbon dioxide, ethane, ethene, and methane) by American Society for Testing and Materials Method D1945
- Chloride and sulfate by USEPA Method 9056
- Total cyanide by USEPA Method 335.4
- Free cyanide by USEPA Method D-4282
- Available cyanide by USEPA Method OIA-1677

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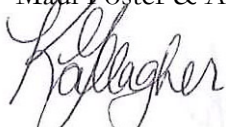
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## GROUNDWATER MONITORING SCHEDULE

Groundwater monitoring of the two wells will be conducted on a semiannual basis. The attached table shows the revised performance monitoring schedule as approved on December 16, 2014, and updates it to include monitoring wells WS-21-112 and WS-26-86. Upon DEQ approval, the first scheduled sampling event can be conducted as soon as the week of November 23, 2015.

Sincerely,

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Attachments: Table  
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TABLE



Table  
Performance Monitoring Frequency  
Last Revised 11/20/2015  
Siltronic Corporation  
Portland, OR

Well Group	Well	Frequency of Groundwater Sampling by Siltronic	Transducer Installed?	Monitoring Objective
1	WS13-105	Quarterly	No	EIB Performance
	WS13-69	Quarterly	Yes	EIB Performance
	WS18-101	Quarterly	Yes	EIB Performance
	WS21-131	Bimonthly	Yes	HC&C Performance
	WS23-116	Bimonthly	No	HC&C Performance
	WS24-111	Bimonthly	Yes	HC&C Performance
	WS25-96	Bimonthly	No	HC&C Performance
	WS25-111	Bimonthly	No	HC&C Performance
	WS30-96	Quarterly	Yes	EIB Performance
	WS32-76	Quarterly	No	EIB Performance
	WS35-106	Quarterly	No	EIB Performance
	WS37-51	Quarterly	Yes	EIB Performance
	WS39-101	Quarterly	Yes	EIB Performance
	WS40-36	Quarterly	No	EIB Performance
	WS41-36	Quarterly	No	EIB Performance
	WS41-91	Quarterly	Yes	EIB Performance
	WS42-36	Quarterly	Yes	EIB Performance
2	WS8-33	NW Natural <sup>a</sup>	--	RI N&E
	WS8-59	NW Natural <sup>a</sup>	--	RI N&E
	WS12-125	NW Natural <sup>a</sup>	--	RI N&E
	WS12-161	NW Natural <sup>a</sup>	--	RI N&E
	WS15-140	Semiannual	Yes	EIB Performance
	WS18-71	Semiannual	No	EIB Performance
	WS19-71	Semiannual	No	EIB Performance
	WS19-101	Semiannual	No	EIB Performance
	WS21-112	Semiannual	Yes	EIB Performance
	WS26-86	Semiannual	Yes	EIB Performance
	WS26-116	Quarterly	No	HC&C Performance
	WS27-86	Semiannual	No	HC&C Performance
	WS31-106	Semiannual	No	EIB Performance
	WS32-106	Semiannual	Yes	EIB Performance
	WS33-106	Semiannual	Yes	EIB Performance
	WS34-71	Semiannual	No	EIB Performance
	WS34-106	Semiannual	No	EIB Performance
	WS35-76	Semiannual	No	EIB Performance
	WS36-81	Semiannual	Yes	EIB Performance
	WS36-106	Semiannual	No	EIB Performance
	WS38-61	Semiannual	No	EIB Performance
3	WS15-85	Bimonthly	No	EIB Performance and CVOC Desorption
	WS33-81	Bimonthly	No	EIB Performance and CVOC Desorption
	WS43-36	Bimonthly	No	EIB Performance and CVOC Desorption
4	WS44-29	Quarterly	Yes	RI N&E
	WS45-23	Quarterly	Yes	RI N&E
	WS46-33	Quarterly	Yes	RI N&E
None	WS10-27	Suspended	--	--
	WS16-125	Suspended	--	--
	WS16-161	Suspended	Yes	--
	WS17-52	Suspended	--	--
	WS17-94	Suspended	--	--
	WS20-112	Suspended	--	--
	WS22-112	Suspended	--	--
	WS24-126	Suspended	--	--
	WS24-155	Suspended	Yes	--
NOTES: Shaded cells identify revisions to the monitoring program since the previous DEQ-approved plan in December 2014. CVOC = chlorinated volatile organic compounds. DEQ = Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. EIB = enhanced in situ bioremediation. HC&C = hydraulic control and containment. N&E = nature and extent. NW Natural = Northwest Natural. RI = remedial investigation. <sup>a</sup> Refer to the NW Natural monitoring program.				


FIGURE

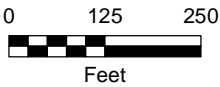






**Figure**  
**Monitoring Well Locations**  
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**Legend**  
 Monitoring Well



Source: Aerial photograph obtained from Esri  
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